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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Wei WU et al.
Serial No. : 09/641,808
Filing Date : August 17, 2000
For : GENETIC SYSTEM AND SELF-CLEAVING INTEINS
DERIVED THEREFROM, BIOSEPARATIONS AND PROTEIN
PURIFICATION EMPLOYING SAME, AND METHODS FOR
DETERMINING CRITICAL, GENERALIZED AMINO ACID
RESIDUES FOR VARYING INTEIN ACTIVITY
Group Art Unit : 1643
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT WITH
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 21, 2003, setting a one month period for reply. Applicants elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I drawn to inteins, and respectfully request consideration of the following requests and remarks.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.136(a) and 1.17(a), a two-month extension of the period for reply, i.e., up to and including May 21, 2002, is respectfully requested. A check for \$205.00 is enclosed in payment of the fee therefor by a small entity. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fee for this two month extension of time or any

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